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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Withdrawn) A fuel filler pipe comprising:
 - a first portion and a curved second portion;
 - an elbow separating the first portion from the curved second portion; and
 - a mounting brace attached to the curved second portion.
2. (Withdrawn) The fuel filler pipe of claim 1 further comprising a mounting brace attached to one of the elbow and the first end portion.
3. (Currently Amended) A fuel filler system for a vehicle comprising:
 - a fuel filler receptacle;
 - a fuel filler receptacle cap operably attached to the fuel filler receptacle and adapted to be located in the center of the hood of the vehicle;
 - an apertured luggage compartment wall;
 - a fuel filler line attached to the fuel filler receptacle and extending through the apertured luggage compartment wall;
 - an overflow tray attached to the fuel receptacle; and
 - an overflow pipe attached to the overflow tray, whereby spilt fuel or moisture is channeled away.

4. (Currently Amended) A fuel filler system for a vehicle comprising:
 - a fuel filler receptacle;
 - a fuel filler receptacle cap operably attached to the fuel filler receptacle;
 - an apertured vehicle hood, the fuel filler receptacle cap protruding through the apertured vehicle vehicular hood;
 - a spill tray attached to the fuel receptacle;
 - an overflow pipe attached to the overflow tray to channel liquid away from the overflow tray;
 - an apertured luggage compartment wall; and
 - a fuel filler line, comprised of a curved L-shaped metal pipe, attached to the fuel filler receptacle and extending through the apertured luggage compartment wall.

5. (Withdrawn) A method for positioning a fuel filler system in a vehicle comprising the following steps:
 - mounting a fuel filler receptacle in a luggage compartment of the vehicle;
 - attaching a fuel filler receptacle cap to the fuel filler receptacle;
 - cutting an aperture in a hood of the vehicle such that the fuel filler receptacle cap protrudes through the aperture in the hood;
 - attaching a fuel filler line to the fuel filler receptacle; and
 - routing the fuel filler line through an aperture in the luggage compartment wall.

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6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 wherein the routing of the fuel filler line is through an existing aperture in the luggage compartment wall, such that no additional apertures are made in the luggage compartment wall to route the fuel line.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 further comprising
the removing of an original manufacture's hose for providing a fuel conduit from
an entry point on the side of the vehicle; and
substituting an alternative routing hose from a position centrally located on the
vehicle to the fuel tank.